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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1	1. A method of automatically reestablishing a call placed by a						
2	mobile unit operating within a radio frequency ("RF") communications						
3	network to a called party after said call has been dropped, the method						
4	comprising:						
5	detecting that said call has been dropped;						
6	determining whether said call is to be automatically reestablished b						
7	said RF communications network; and						
8	Tresponsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically						
9	reestablished by said RF communications network, a mobile switching						
0	center ("MSC") of said RF communications network reestablishing said call						
1	between said mobile unit and said called party.						
1	2. The method of claim 1 wherein said determining comprises						
2	determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number.						
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1	3. The method of claim 1 wherein said determining comprises						

- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said determining comprises determining whether said called party is an emergency operator.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said reestablishing comprises said MSC dialing back said mobile unit.
- 5. A mobile switching center ("MSC") for automatically reestablishing a call placed by a mobile unit operating within a radio frequency ("RF") communications network to a called party connected to a public switched telephone network ("PSTN") after said call has been dropped, the MSC comprising software instructions executable by said MSC for:

7. detecting	that	said	call	has	been	dropped;
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determining whether said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network; and

responsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network, reestablishing a connection with said mobile unit, thereby to reestablish said call between said mobile unit and said called party.

- 6. The MSC of claim 5 wherein said software instructions for determining comprise software instructions for determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number.
- 7. The MSC of claim 5 wherein said software instructions for determining comprise software instructions for determining whether said called party is an emergency operator.
- 8. The MSC of claim 5 wherein said software instructions for reestablishing comprise software instructions for causing said MSC to dial back said mobile unit.
- 9. Apparatus for automatically reestablishing a call placed by a mobile unit operating within a radio frequency ("RF") communications network to a called party after said call has been dropped, the apparatus comprising:

means for detecting that said call has been dropped;

means for determining whether said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network; and

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means responsive to a determination that said call is to be
automatically reestablished by said RF communications network for
reestablishing said call between said mobile unit and said called party.

- 10. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said means for determining comprises means for determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number.
- 11. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said means for determining comprises means for determining whether said called party is an emergency operator.
- 12. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said means for reestablishing comprises means for dialing back said mobile unit.
- 13. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said called party is connected to said RF communications, network via a public switched telephone network ("PSTN").